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10/045,006

Group Art Unit: 3724

Applicant: Chien-Jung CHEN et al.

Examiner: Boyer D. ASHLEY

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Title:

PAPER TOWEL AND SEPARATION

DEVICE OF THE PAPER

Customer No.: 23364

RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION NOTICE

MAIL STOP NON-FEE AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 2450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed November 26, 2003 in the above application (Paper No. 3).

ELECTION

Responsive to the election notice contained in the Office Action, Applicants hereby provisionally elect Group I containing claims 1-13, drawn to a separation device, classified in Class 225, sub-class 100.

In order to meet the requirements for the two-way election requirement, Applicants further elect Sub-Group X directed to claim 4, drawn to a separation device having a specific clutch wheel, classified in Class 74.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 2 and 6-10 do not belong in any Group and will be examined with the elected invention as permitted by the restriction requirement.

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Applicants request the review on the merits of claims 2, 4 and 6-10.

Claims 1-3 are believed to correspond to Figures 2-16; claim 4 to Figures 6-8; claims 5 and 6 to Figures 9-16; claim 7 to Figures 9-12; claim 8 to Figures 13 and 14; claim 9 to Figures 15 and 16; claim 10 to Figures 9-16; claims 11-13 to Figures 2-12; claims 14-18 to Figures 2-16; and claim 19 to Figures 9-16.

Respectfully submitted,

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